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1 Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 Documents
The following documents were tabled pursuant to standing order 61(1)(b):

Government documents

   Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

   [Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]


   Civil Aviation Act 1988—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—Repeal of Airworthiness Directives AD/ RB211/22 Amdt 1 and AD/RB211/28 Amdt 1—CASA ADCX 007/18 [F2018L00309].

   Defence Act 1903—
   Defence Amendment (Defence Aviation Areas) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00315].
   Defence (Inquiry) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00316].

   Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—
   Amendment to the lists of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and key threatening processes under sections 178, 181 and 183 (EC141) (9 March 2018) [F2018L00312].

   Coral Sea Marine Park Management Plan 2018—
North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018—

North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018—

South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018—

Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018—


Private Health Insurance Act 2007—Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2018 (No. 1) [F2018L00314].


The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:
Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2017—Statements of compliance—
Department of Jobs and Small Business.
Health portfolio.

Committees—Leave to meet during sitting
Committees were authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 22 March 2018, as follows:
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee, from 1 pm.
Environment and Communications References Committee, from 1.10 pm.
4 Senator Storer—Statement by leave
Senator Storer, by leave, made a statement informing the Senate of his status as an independent senator for South Australia.

5 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee
Consideration resumed of the bill, as amended.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to, subject to requests—divided, at the request of Senator Siewert, in respect of Schedules 2 and 5 to 8; and Schedule 1, as amended.

Schedules debated and agreed to. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the noes.

Senator Siewert moved the following amendment:

Schedule 3, item 98, page 85 (lines 24 to 26), omit the item, substitute:

(3) Subitem (3A) applies to a woman if, before the commencement of this item:
(a) the woman was receiving wife pension; and
(b) Division 2 of Part 4.2 of the Social Security Act 1991 applied in relation to the payment of wife pension to the woman.

(3A) Despite the amendments made by this Schedule, Parts 2.4 and 4.2 of the Social Security Act 1991, as in force immediately before the commencement of this item, and any other provision of that Act necessary to give effect to those Parts, continue to apply on and after that commencement in relation to the woman as if the amendments made by this Schedule had not been made.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 29

Senators—
Bartlett        Dodson        McCarthy        Singh
Bilyk          Farrell       McKim          Steele-John
Brown          Gallacher     Moore          Sterle
Cameron        Hanson-Young Pratt          Storer
Carr           Keneally      Rhiannon       Urquhart*
Chisholm       Kitching      Rice           Watt
Collins        Lines          Siewert       Whish-Wilson
Di Natale
Question negatived.

Senator Siewert moved the following amendment and request for an amendment together by leave:

Amendment:

Schedule 5, page 121 (after line 6), after item 17, insert:

17A After subsection 603C(1)

Insert:

(1AA) If:

(a) immediately before the commencement of Part 1 of Schedule 5 to the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Act 2017 (the amending Act), sickness allowance is payable to a person; and

(b) sickness allowance would continue to be payable to the person for a period if the amendments to this Act by the amending Act had not been made;

the person is not required to satisfy the activity test in respect of that period and any further periods of incapacity immediately following that period.

Request:

That the House of Representatives be requested to make the following amendment:

Schedule 6, item 16, page 144 (after line 15), after subsection 43(1C), insert:

(1D) A woman is qualified for an age pension if:

(a) the woman was receiving jobseeker payment immediately before 1 January 2022; and

(b) the woman would qualify for widow allowance if subsection 408AA(2) was not in force; and

(c) the woman is not otherwise qualified for an age pension.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment and request be agreed to—put and negatived. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the ayes.

Senator Siewert moved the following amendment:

Schedule 6, Part 1, page 142 (after line 11), at the end of the Part, add:

4A Subsection 729(1)

After “subsection”, insert “(1A) or”.
4B After subsection 729(1)

Insert:

(1A) The Secretary must determine that a special benefit should be granted to a person for a period if:

(a) the person meets the eligibility requirements for widow allowance in Subdivision A of Division 2 of Part 2.8A; and

(b) the person is not qualified for widows allowance on the basis of subsection 408AA(2); and

(c) the person is not qualified for newstart allowance; and

(d) the person is not qualified for the aged pension.

4C Paragraph 733(1)(b)

Before “the value”, insert “subject to subsection (1A),”.

4D After subsection 733(1)

Insert:

(1A) If subsection 729(1A) applies to a person, whether the value of the person’s assets exceeds the person’s assets value limit is to be determined by reference to section 408CE (the assets test applying in relation to widow allowance).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the ayes.

Senator Siewert moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 13, item 2, page 189 (line 14), omit “(1)”. Schedule 13, item 2, page 189 (lines 17 to 20), omit subsection 28C(2). Schedule 14, item 7, page 193 (line 4), at the end of section 42U, add:

(4) A determination under subsection 42U(3) does not apply in relation to a person who is a declared program participant.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to, subject to requests—divided, at the request of Senator Siewert, in respect of Schedule 4.

Schedule debated.

Question—That Schedule 4 stand as printed—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—

Abetz 
Anning 
Brockman 
Burston 
Bushby 
Canavan 
Cash 
Colbeck 
Duniam 
Fawcett 
Fieravanti-Wells 
Fifield 
Georgiou 
Gichuhi 
Griff 
Hanson 
Hinch 
Hume 
Leyonhjelm 
Macdonald 
McGrath 
Molan 
O’Sullivan 
Paterson 
Payne 
Reynolds 
Ryan 
Sculion 
Seselja 
Smith 
Williams*
NOES, 29

Senators—
Bartlett        Farrell        McAllister*        Singh
Bilyk           Gallacher      McKim         Steele-John
Brown           Hanson-Young    Moore         Sterle
Cameron         Keneally       Pratt         Storer
Carr            Kitching       Rhiannon     Urquhart
Chisholm        Lines          Rice          Watt
Collins         Marshall       Siewert        Whish-Wilson
Di Natale

* Tellers

Schedule agreed to.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to, subject to requests—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—
Abetz            Duniam         Hume          Payne
Anning          Fierravanti-Wells Leyonhjelm     Reynolds
Brockman        Fifield        Macdonald     Ruston
Burston         Georgiou       McGrath       Ryan
Bushby           Gichuhi       Molan          Scullion
Canavan          Griff         O’Sullivan     Smith
Cash             Hanson         Paterson      Williams*
Colbeck          Hinch          Patrick

NOES, 29

Senators—
Bartlett        Gallacher      McAllister*        Siewert
Bilyk           Hanson-Young    McKim         Singh
Brown           Keneally       Moore         Steele-John
Carr            Kitching       Polley         Sterle
Chisholm        Lines          Pratt          Storer
Collins         Marshall       Rhiannon     Watt
Di Natale        Martin         Rice          Whish-Wilson
Farrell

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments and requests for amendments.

On the motion of the Minister for Jobs and Innovation (Senator Cash) the report from the committee was adopted.

6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) was speaking.
7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Leave to meet during sitting
Senator Smith, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald), moved—That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today.
Question put and passed.

8 Senators’ statements
Senators made statements.

At 2 pm—

9 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

10 Parliament House—Contract for cleaning services—Statement by President
The President made a statement relating to a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) on 20 March 2018 concerning the contract for cleaning services at Parliament House.

11 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Cameron moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Jobs and Innovation (Senator Cash) to a question without notice asked by Senator Cameron today relating to the annual wage review undertaken by the Fair Work Commission.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Whish-Wilson moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson today relating to recycling.
Question put and passed.

12 Notices
Senator Williams: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matters be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services for inquiry and report by 30 September 2018:

(a) the operation and effectiveness of the Franchising Code of Conduct, including the disclosure document and information statement, and the Oil Code of Conduct, in ensuring full disclosure to potential franchisees of all information necessary to make a fully-informed decision when assessing whether to enter a franchise agreement, including information on:

(i) likely financial performance of a franchise and worse-case scenarios,
(ii) the contractual rights and obligations of all parties, including termination rights and geographical exclusivity,
(iii) the leasing arrangements and any limitations of the franchisee’s ability to enforce tenants’ rights, and
(iv) the expected running costs, including cost of goods required to be purchased through prescribed suppliers;

(b) the effectiveness of dispute resolution under the Franchising Code of Conduct and the Oil Code of Conduct;

(c) the impact of the Australian consumer law unfair contract provisions on new, renewed and terminated franchise agreements entered into since 12 November 2016, including whether changes to standard franchise agreements have resulted;

(d) whether the provisions of other mandatory industry codes of conduct, such as the Oil Code, contain advantages or disadvantages relevant to franchising relationships in comparison with terms of the Franchising Code of Conduct;

(e) the adequacy and operation of termination provisions in the Franchising Code of Conduct and the Oil Code of Conduct;

(f) the imposition of restraints of trade on former franchisees following the termination of a franchise agreement;

(g) the enforcement of breaches of the Franchising Code of Conduct and the Oil Code of Conduct and other applicable laws, such as the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, and franchisors; and

(h) any related matter. *(general business notice of motion no. 754)*

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 20 March 2018 marked the fifteenth anniversary of the commencement of the Iraq War;

(b) recalls the motion passed by the Senate on 20 March 2003, which stated that ‘there should be no commitment of Australian troops to a war in Iraq outside the authority of the United Nations’, and opposed ‘the decision of the Australian Cabinet and the President of the United States of America to commit troops to an attack on Iraq’;

(c) recognises that the decision of the Australian Government to commit Australian troops and provide support to the invasion of Iraq was made in the face of opposition of the majority of the Australian community, as well as the Senate;

(d) notes with deep sadness that the 2003 invasion of Iraq unleashed a catastrophe in every respect, and caused an enormous amount of additional suffering; and

(e) calls on all parties to support a long overdue inquiry into Australia’s involvement in the Iraq War. *(general business notice of motion no. 755)*

Senator Pratt: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following instruments, made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be disallowed:

Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00321]

North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00322]

North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00324]

South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 [F2018L00326]

Senator Rice: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than 9.30 am on 28 March 2018, documents related to Regional Forest Agreements as considered by, or arising from, the Forestry Ministers Meetings held on 14 December 2016 in Melbourne, on 31 March 2017 in Sydney, and on 30 August 2017 in Launceston, and any subsequent meetings, including agendas, minutes, appendices, attachments and documents resulting from actions arising in those meetings. (general business notice of motion no. 756)

Senators Moore and Reynolds: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 25 March, the United Nations International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade offers us an opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system,

(ii) the United Nations resolution 62/122 of December 2007 called for an ongoing outreach programme to mobilise educational institutions, civil society and communities across the world to ensure future generations will understand the causes and consequences and lessons of the Transatlantic slave trade and to communicate the dangers of racism and prejudice, and

(iii) the cross-party report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, Hidden in plain sight: An inquiry into establishing a modern Slavery Act in Australia, tabled on 7 December 2017, provides clear evidence that slavery and trafficking still exists today, and notes the report’s recommendations for action in legislation, supply chain monitoring and support for victims;

(b) notes and commends the Government on taking action against the trafficking of children into modern slavery in for-profit orphanages; and

(c) acknowledges the importance of a commitment to end the tyranny of modern slavery, learning the lessons of the horrors of the Transatlantic slave trade, and modern slavery’s incompatibility with the individual rights and freedoms that underpin democracies. (general business notice of motion no. 757)

Senator Moore: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) United Nations World Water Day is 22 March, with the 2018 theme of ‘Nature for Water’ exploring how we can look to nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century,

(ii) currently, 2.1 billion people live without secure access to fresh drinkable water – agriculture accounts for 70% of global water usage, with industry consuming 20%, and domestic use of 10%; the proportion used for drinking water is less than 1%, and by 2050, the estimated growth in the human population of 2 billion will increase demand by 30%.

(iii) when we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive; environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving global crises related to water;
(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) Australia has a strong record with protecting and caring for our vital waterways and lakes, and
   (ii) part of our pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG6 around Clean Water and Sanitation, is to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to ensure Australia’s water is protected for the future, through preserving precious areas of native forests, restoring river systems and wetlands and renewed action on climate change. (general business notice of motion no. 758)

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move on the next day of sitting—That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 8 May 2018 be from midday to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 10 May 2018 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2018-19, and
   (ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 10 May 2018 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and
   (ii) adjournment.

Senators Moore, Fierravanti-Wells, Di Natale and Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 24 March is World Tuberculosis Day, and marks the anniversary of German Nobel laureate Dr Robert Koch’s 1882 discovery of the bacterium that causes tuberculosis,
   (ii) tuberculosis is contagious and airborne, ranking as the world’s leading cause of death from a single infectious agent,
   (iii) in 2016, 1.7 million people died from tuberculosis worldwide and 10.4 million people became sick with the disease, with over 60% of cases occurring in countries in our region,
   (iv) large gaps in tuberculosis detection and treatment remain, with 4.1 million cases of active tuberculosis that were not diagnosed and treated in 2016, including 600,000 children,
   (v) in 2016, Papua New Guinea (PNG) had one of the highest rates of tuberculosis infection in the Pacific, with an estimated 35,000 total cases, including 2000 drug-resistant cases, not taking into consideration the large number of cases that go unreported in many regions; and
   (vi) tuberculosis is:
      (A) the leading cause of death among HIV positive people globally – HIV weakens the immune system and is lethal in combination with tuberculosis, each contributing to the other’s progress,
      (B) now linked to non-communicable diseases like diabetes, and
      (C) considered a preventable and treatable disease, however many current treatment tools – drugs, diagnostics and vaccines – are outdated and ineffective;
(b) recognises:

(i) that the funding that Australia is providing to support the testing and treatment of tuberculosis in PNG, including the joint program with the World Bank, is already leading to an initiative to achieve universal testing for tuberculosis in Daru,

(ii) the commitment of up to $75 million over five years for Product Development Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative to accelerate access to new therapeutics and diagnostics for drug resistant tuberculosis, and malaria and mosquito vector control – an increase in funding to build on the successes of Australia’s previous investments,

(iii) Australia’s three year $220 million pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2017-2019) – a fund that has supported tuberculosis testing and treatment to 17.4 million people since 2002, including over 8.2 million people in the Indo-Pacific region,

(iv) that through our endorsement of the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, we made a bold commitment to end the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030, and

(v) the scheduling of the first United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis in September 2018, which will set out commitments to accelerate action towards ending tuberculosis as an epidemic and provide Australia with an opportunity to showcase the success of our investment in tuberculosis in our region; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to attend the United Nations High-Level Meeting this year, and commit to increased Australian action and leadership on research and development, prevention, testing and treatment as part of the global effort to eradicate tuberculosis. (general business notice of motion no. 759)

Senators Rhiannon and Cameron: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) according to data from the 2016 Census, the number of homeless Australians has increased by 13.7% since 2011,

(ii) on Census night, more than 116,000 people were experiencing homelessness, and

(iii) the ‘Everybody’s Home’ campaign has brought together 26 of Australia’s leading non-government social services providers, community housing providers and homelessness advocates to call on governments to commit to a national action plan to end homelessness that addresses all the drivers of homelessness, including the lack of affordable housing, poverty and family violence; rapidly rehouses people who are homeless and helps them stay there; addresses the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the homeless service system; and includes a commitment to ending homelessness by 2030; and

(b) calls on the Government to provide the national leadership that is necessary, and to work with state and territory governments to develop and implement a national homelessness action plan. (general business notice of motion no. 760)
The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes the urgent need to establish an effective, safe means of eradicating asbestos from our community which does not result in landfill contamination, which in itself becomes an environmental hazard; and
(b) calls on the Government to co-ordinate a national asbestos management and disposal plan. (general business notice of motion no. 761)

Intention to withdraw: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of his intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notices of motion standing in his name, as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4 for 4 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Torres Strait Regional Authority Election Rules 2017 [F2017L01279].

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 for 7 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Marriage Regulations 2017 [F2017L01359].

Business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1 to 13 for 12 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the following instruments:

ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Futures Markets) 2017 [F2017L01475]
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) 2017 [F2017L01474]
Australian Education Amendment (2017 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01501]
Civil Aviation Order 20.91 Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 1) [F2017L01471]
Customs (International Obligations) Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01486]
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 6) [F2017L01513]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 13/00 – Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles) 2005 Amendment 6 [F2017L01493]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 67/00 – Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on Three-Wheeled Vehicles) 2006 Amendment 1 [F2017L01494]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 74/00 – Side Marker Lamps) 2006 Amendment 1 [F2017L01479]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 84/00 – Front Underrun Impact Protection) 2009 Amendment 1 [F2017L01516]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 86/00 – Parking Lamps) 2016 [F2017L01497]
Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 87/00 – Cornering Lamps) 2016 [F2017L01484]
13 **Private senators’ bills—Consideration**

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) moved—That general business order of the day no. 59 (High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2017) be considered on Monday, 26 March 2018 at the time for private senators’ bills.

Question put and passed.

14 **Leave of absence**

Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Polley for 22 to 28 March 2018, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

15 **Order of Australia awards—Western Australian recipients**

Senator Bushby, at the request of Senator Smith and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 743—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates the following worthy Western Australians who were recipients of Order of Australia awards on 26 January 2018, for their outstanding achievement and service:

**Companion (AC) in the General Division**
Ms Lucette Aldous
The late Ms Betty Cuthbert, AM MBE

**Member (AM) in the General Division**
Mr George Barclay Allingame
Mrs Lynne Patricia Bradshaw
Mr Geoffrey Arnold Churack
Mr David Nathan Flanagan
Mr Michael Anthony Gurry
Professor Ian Godfrey Hammond
Ms Rechelle Margaret Hawkes, OAM
Dr Philip Haywood House
Mr John Load Jones
Dr Ross Kenneth Littlewood
Mr Michael Keith Morcombe
Mr Richard James Muirhead
Commander Philip Leslie Orchard RAN (Retd)
Mr Victor Joe Paino
Mr John Michael Schaffer
Dr Michael Philip Stanford
Ms Annette Mureeka Stokes
Mr Roger John Underwood
Mr Lawrence Leslie Wilson
Mr Ronald Warren Woss

**Medal (OAM) in the General Division**
Ms Margaret Ann Bradford-Seeley
Mrs Dorothea Lavina Brown
Mrs Mary Iona Browner
Mr Neville James Browning
The Honourable Giovanni Mario Castrilli
Mr John Collins
Mrs Margaret May Dawson
Mr Allan Alfred Downas
Mr Walter John Ferrell
The Honourable Nicholas David Griffiths
Mr Richard John Henwood
Ms Pauline Frances Iles
Mrs Ishbell Elizabeth Jackson
Mr Winston Lloyd Jones
Mr Kieran Gerard Kinsella
Mr John Thomas Lally
Mrs Judith Nerryl Neczas
Mrs Wenda Jane Packard
Dr Elizabeth Mary Pattison
Mr James Mohan Savundra
Father Francis Xavier Sheehan
Mr John Leslie Sherwood
Mr Stephen Bobby Stingemore, APM
Dr Chin Huat Tan

Australian Police Medal (APM)
Superintendent Ian Alexander Clarke
Inspector Donald Merrick Emanuel-Smith
Inspector Donal James Heise
Senior Sergeant Gemma Louise Hennigan

Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM)
Mr Raymond Alan Bonner
Mr Kelly John Gillen
Mr Darren Terry Klemm
Mr Rodney Scott Wallington

Ambulance Service Medal (ASM)
Mrs Elisabeth Drage
Mr Andrew Christopher Richardson
Mr Terence John Ward

Emergency Services Medal (ESM)
Mr Gordon Maxwell Hall

Australian Corrections Medal (ACM)
Ms Janette Margaret Allen
Mr Kymberley Alexander Mckay

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)
Flight Lieutenant David Callum Jackson

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)
Warrant Officer Class Two John Robert Matthews
Major Paul Frederick Prickett (Retd); and
(b) acknowledges that these worthy West Australians have made a significant contribution to their communities, and ultimately to Australia.

Question put and passed.

16 **Palm oil—Labelling requirements**

Senator Patrick, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 747—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the world’s leading conservation organisation, World Wide Fund for Nature, notes that palm oil is the most widely-consumed vegetable oil on the planet, and it is in about half of all packaged products sold in the supermarket,

(ii) under current labelling laws, manufacturers are able to label palm oil as ‘vegetable oil’, preventing consumers from being able to make an informed choice about the foods they purchase and consume,

(iii) palm oil is used in non-food products, including cosmetics, soap, washing powders and other cleansing products,

(iv) palm oil production results in extensive deforestation and has led to the removal of wildlife habitat and has placed many species, including the endangered orangutan, at risk,

(v) consumer research indicates that 95% of Australians support mandatory labelling of palm oil, and

(vi) palm oil is high in saturated fat and low in polyunsaturated fat and increases the risk of heart disease; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to legislate for the mandatory labelling of palm oil on all products.

*Statement by leave*: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

17 **World Down Syndrome Day**

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators Brown, Reynolds and Steele-John and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 748—That the Senate notes that:

(a) 21 March 2018 marks World Down Syndrome Day;

(b) the theme for World Down Syndrome Day 2018 is ‘What I bring to my community’;

(c) people with Down Syndrome can and do bring much to the Australian community, despite the many barriers created by our society;

(d) lack of knowledge about their potential as individuals and discriminatory attitudes often prevent people with Down Syndrome from making full and meaningful contributions to society; and

(e) people with Down Syndrome have a right to participate fully in all aspects of Australian society.

Question put and passed.
18 University funding

Senator Hanson-Young, also on behalf of Senator Collins, amended general business notice of motion no. 750 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, on 21 March 2018, the National Union of Students will launch a National Day of Action to protest against the Liberal Party’s attempts to water down Australia’s commitment to providing universal access to a world-class higher education system by cutting $2.2 billion out of university funding and making graduates’ Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) debts be paid back at a greater rate and a faster pace;

(b) notes further that the Liberal Party:

(i) thinks university is too affordable for students, which is why they want to deregulate fees,

(ii) thinks HELP debt grows too slowly, which is why they tried to raise its rate of indexation,

(iii) thinks graduate wages are too low to pay back debts, which is why they want to lower the threshold for when they start repaying them,

(iv) thinks too many people are attending universities, which is why they are freezing their support for the demand-driven system, and

(v) is too afraid to seek a mandate for these cuts, which is why they have opted to not put their billion dollar cuts to a vote from the Parliament or a vote from the public; and

(c) expresses its strong support for the National Union of Students and to those participating in the National Day of Action around the country, and encourages all students to speak up and fight back against this Liberal Government’s decision to ask low income students and graduates to pay more, so that big business and multinational corporations can pay less.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

19 Australian Building and Construction Commission—Order for production of documents

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Cameron and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 751—That the Senate—

(a) notes the claim of public interest immunity grounded on legal professional privilege made by the Minister for Jobs and Innovation in correspondence of 15 February 2018 to the Chair of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee in relation to questions taken on notice by the Minister, the former Department of Employment and the Australian Building and Construction Commission during the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates, in relation to the following matters:

(i) advice received by the Minister pertaining to the character of the conduct of the former Australian Building and Construction Commissioner relating to his contravention of section 503 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (question no. EMSQ17-004346),
(ii) documents held by the former Department of Employment in relation to litigation involving the former Australian Building and Construction Commissioner concerning a contravention of section 503 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (question no. EMSQ17-004483),

(iii) details of telephone conversations between the former Acting Australian Building and Construction Commissioner and the Chief Counsel, Workplace Relations Legal, Department of Employment (questions nos EMSQ17-004483 and EMSQ17-004485),

(iv) documents and details of communications between the Australian Building and Construction Commission and the Minister and her office relating to a claim for legal indemnity made by the former Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (question no. EMSQ17-004486),

(v) issues other than legal advice canvassed in telephone conversations between the former Acting Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (question nos EMSQ17-004494), and

(vi) discussions between the former Acting Australian Building and Construction Commissioner and the former Department of Employment pertaining to potential claims for public interest immunity to be made during the course of 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates (questions nos EMSQ17-004484 and EMSQ17-004495);

(b) notes that, on 28 February 2018, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee accepted the Minister’s claim of public interest immunity;

(c) notes that it has never been accepted in the Senate, nor in any comparable representative assembly, that legal professional privilege provides grounds for a refusal of information in a parliamentary forum;

(d) notes the resolution of the Senate of 11 October 2016, in which, among other things, the Senate affirmed the following principles:

(i) there is no general public interest immunity that allows ministers or departments to withhold legal advice, but rather that each claim of public interest immunity is assessable by the Senate and that information of the particular potential harm should be provided to the Senate to make this assessment,

(ii) while the Senate may permit claims of public interest immunity to be advanced, it reserves the right to determine whether a particular claim will be accepted, and

(iii) Australian courts have acknowledged that for the Parliament to undertake its duties it must be able to require the Executive to produce documents, and that the justification for legal professional privilege does not apply;

(e) notes that the litigation in Federal Court matter no. NSD 1379 of 2016, involving the former Australian Building and Construction Commissioner has concluded; and
(f) does not accept the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Jobs and Innovation in relation to the matters referred to in paragraph (a), and orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Jobs and Innovation, by not later than the conclusion of question time on 26 March 2018, the advice, documents and details of discussions, communications and conversations requested in the questions taken on notice at the 2017-18 Supplementary Budget estimates by the Minister, the former Department of Employment and the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Patrick, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

20 Community Affairs References Committee—Reference

Senator Brockman, also on behalf of Senators Di Natale and Watt, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2018:

(a) the science of mitochondrial donation and its ability to prevent transmission of mitochondrial disease;
(b) the safety and efficacy of these techniques, as well as ethical considerations;
(c) the status of these techniques elsewhere in the world and their relevance to Australian families;
(d) the current impact of mitochondrial disease on Australian families and the healthcare sector;
(e) consideration of changes to legal and ethical frameworks that would be required if mitochondrial donation was to be introduced in Australia;
(f) the value and impact of introducing mitochondrial donation in Australia; and
(g) other related matters.

Question put and passed.

21 National Apology for Forced Adoptions—5th anniversary

Senator Siewert, also on behalf of Senator Moore, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 753—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that 21 March 2018 marks the 5-year anniversary of the National Apology for Forced Adoptions;
(b) acknowledges:
   (i) the unethical, dishonest and sometimes illegal practices that occurred,
   (ii) the ongoing pain and suffering of the mothers, fathers, sons and daughters affected by these practices,
   (iii) the ramifications of these practices for entire families, and
   (iv) the years of work, advocacy and commitment by mothers and their supporters to get the impacts of past practices and policies of forced adoption addressed; and
(c) resolves to continue to do all in its power to make sure these practices are never repeated.

Question put and passed.
South Africa—Farm attacks

Senator Leyonhjelm, also on behalf of Senator Anning, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 742—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the revival of a revolutionary song ‘Shoot the Boer’ at political rallies in South Africa,
   (ii) the statement of former South African President Zuma that ‘We are going to shoot them with machine guns ... shoot the Boer, we are going to hit them, they are going to run’,
   (iii) the statement of Mr Julius Malema, a high profile member of the South African Parliament and former leader of the African National Congress Youth League, that ‘We are not calling for the slaughter of white people, at least for now’ and more recently ‘the time for reconciliation is over’ and ‘go after the white man. If you cut a white man they feel terrible pain’,
   (iv) that the South African Parliament recently voted in support of a motion to accelerate the expropriation of white-owned and cultivated farm land without compensation to the owners,
   (v) that white farmers are reported to be five times more likely to be murdered than the general population of South Africa,
   (vi) that farm attacks are often characterised by extreme brutality which includes the physical dismemberment, torture and rape of victims, and also involves the killing of children and infants in horrendous ways that suggest hate is a motivating factor, and
   (vii) that there are frequent claims that authorities are not treating these farm attacks with the urgency they deserve;

(b) calls on the Government to condemn:
   (i) any calls for the killing, marginalisation, persecution, victimisation and targeting of any racial group in the Republic of South Africa by any of its officials or members of parliament, and
   (ii) any law that expropriates land without just compensation;

(c) calls upon the Government of the Republic of South Africa to protect the people of all races equally and without bias; and

(d) investigate what Australia can do to assist the victims of racist violence in South Africa, including the possibility of offering to resettle victims in Australia or assisting their resettlement in another appropriate jurisdiction.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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23 **Notice of motion withdrawn**

Senator Patrick withdrew general business notice of motion no. 746 standing in his name for today, relating to an order for the production of documents by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

24 **Native title—Wangan and Jagalingou people**

Senator Bartlett, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 744—that the Senate calls on the Queensland Government to publicly rule out extinguishing the native title of the Wangan and Jagalingou people before investigating the circumstances in which the Adani Indigenous Land Use Agreement was obtained without clear and unambiguous Traditional Owner consent, and before the current Federal Court case examining its validity and any appeals are exhausted.

*Statements by leave:* The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

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25 Political advertising—Collection and use of personal information

Senator Steele-John, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 749—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 18 March 2018, The Guardian reported that Cambridge Analytica harvested the Facebook profiles of more than 50 million users without their permission and used the personal information and resulting psychological and political profiles of the Facebook users to better target them with political advertisements during the Trump presidential election,

(ii) on 20 March 2018, The Guardian reported that members of the Liberal Party, including Mr Tehan, met with Cambridge Analytica in April 2017, and that the South Australian Liberals had adopted United States-based micro-targeting service – i360, backed by United States businessmen and conservative political donors, Messrs Charles Koch and David Koch, for the South Australian state election campaign,

(iii) Australian politicians, political parties and organisations engaged by political parties are exempt from privacy laws under section 7C of the Privacy Act 1988,

(iv) in 2000, in response to the proposed political exemption to the Privacy Act, the Federal Privacy Commissioner stated that he did ‘not think that the proposed exemption for political organisations is appropriate’,

(v) in 2008, the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) recommended the removal of the political exemption to the Privacy Act, stating that ‘in the ALRC’s view, political parties and those engaging in political acts and practices should be subject to the Privacy Act – provided that the legislation can accommodate adequately the constitutional doctrines of implied freedom of political communication and parliamentary privilege. Removing the political exemption also accords with a number of comparable overseas jurisdictions, which do not exempt political parties or those engaging in political acts and practices from complying with privacy legislation, including the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Hong Kong’; and

(vi) there is need for ongoing review of privacy regulations in Australia, including the collection, storage, and use of personal information by government, corporations and other entities; and

(b) calls on:

(i) all Australian political parties to detail any involvement with Cambridge Analytica or SCL, including whether they had ever provided any government data, such as electoral rolls, and

(ii) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to also consider the collection and use of personal information for political advertising as part of its public inquiry into the impact of digital platforms on media and advertising markets in Australia.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 12

Senators—

Bartlett  
Di Natale  
Griff  
Hanson-Young  
Hinch  
McKim  
Patrick  
Rhiannon  
Rice  
Siewert*  
Steele-John  
Whish-Wilson

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Senators—

Abetz  
Anning  
Birmingham  
Brockman  
Brown  
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Cameron  
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Paterson  
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Question negatived.

26 Racial discrimination

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Singh and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 732—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 21 March 2018 is the International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and

(ii) although Australia has implemented the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination into its domestic law through the Racial Discrimination Act, racially discriminatory provisions remain in the Australian Constitution and there is still no entrenched provision for fundamental rights in Australian law;

(b) further notes that:

(i) the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observes that expressions of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia, including in the Australian public sphere, political debates and in the media, are on the rise, and

(ii) according to the Face up to racism: 2015-16 national survey:

(A) nearly a quarter of participants had experienced racism on public transport or in the street, and

(B) nearly a third of participants had experienced racism in the workplace or within an educational institution; and

(c) urges the Australian Government to act on the recommendations – including strengthening anti-racism programs like the National Anti-Racism Strategy, and underlining the importance of political discourse and the Racial Discrimination Act in setting a standard – in the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination’s concluding observations on the eighteenth to twentieth periodic reports of Australia.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

27 Dividend imputation

Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 741—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Labor Party’s proposed reforms to cash refunds for excess dividend imputation credits have been welcomed by groups as diverse as Industry Super Australia, private funds managers, the ACTU and former Liberal leader, Professor John Hewson,

(ii) the reforms have been welcomed by the Australian Greens Finance spokesperson, Senator Hanson-Young, who stated that ‘I think actually Labor has done some good work here ... the reality is this is just one area within the tax system that needs cleaning up if we’re to have more justice and fairness in the system’,

(iii) the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Di Natale, contradicted Senator Hanson-Young, stating that ‘the Greens do have concerns’ with Labor’s proposed reforms, and committed to ‘use our numbers in the Senate to fix it’, and

(iv) in an article, Greens in 11th-hour bid for conservative vote in Batman, Senator Di Natale is quoted as saying ‘Those people who might be inclined to vote for one of the conservative parties here [or] might be inclined to stay at home, well here’s your chance to say what you think about Bill Shorten’s attack on so many people in this community’; and

(b) calls on all parties, especially those who say they are committed to progressive taxation, to support Labor’s proposed reforms to cash refunds for excess dividend imputation credits.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), Senator Chisholm and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 29

Senators—

Barrett  Farrell  McKim  Singh
Brown    Gallagher  Moore  Steele-John
Cameron  Hanson-Young  Polley  Sterle
Carr     Ketter  Pratt  Watt
Chisholm  Kitching  Rhiannon
Collins  Marshall  Rice  Whish-Wilson
Di Natale  McCarthy  Siewert
Dodson
Senator McKim, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 752—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) 21 March 2018 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and
(ii) racial discrimination is still prevalent in Australia, and that it has significant impacts on community harmony, as well as people’s health and wellbeing;

(b) condemns the Turnbull Government for:
(i) trying to water down the hate speech provisions of the Racial Discrimination Act,
(ii) engaging in a racist campaign against African communities in Victoria, and
(iii) seeking to prioritise white South African farmers in the humanitarian and migration program on the basis of their race; and

(c) recognises that political leaders have a responsibility to stand up for multiculturalism and against racial discrimination.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 29

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Senators—

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Duniam  Fawcett  F采暖anti-Wells  Fifield  Georgiou  Gichuhi  Griff  Hanson
Hinch  Hume  Leyonhjelm  Macdonald  McGrath  Molan  O’Sullivan  Paterson
Patrick  Payne  Reynolds  Ryan  Scullion  Seselja  Siewert  Williams

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Question negatived.
NOES, 30

Senators—

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Birmingham
Brockman
Burston
Bushby*
Canavan
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Duniam
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Question negatived.

29 Notice of motion withdrawn
Senator Anning withdrew general business notice of motion no. 745 standing in his name for today, relating to racial violence in South Africa.

30 Notice
Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes its concern that the Turnbull Government’s National Energy Guarantee will undermine South Australia’s renewable energy industry and job-rich projects; and

(b) rejects:

(i) any move from either the state or Federal Government to weaken South Australia’s position as a leader in renewable energy, and

(ii) any attempts to dismantle South Australia’s strong renewable energy target. (general business notice of motion no. 762)

31 Discussion of matter of public importance—Firearms laws
The President informed the Senate that, at 8.30 am today, three senators had each submitted a letter in accordance with standing order 75. The proposal to be submitted to the Senate was determined by lot.

As a result, the President informed the Senate that Senator Rhiannon had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The need to strengthen our firearms laws to reduce gun violence.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

After 5 pm: Discussion was interrupted.

32 First speech
Pursuant to order, Senator Martin made his first speech.

33 Discussion of matter of public importance—Firearms laws
Discussion of the matter of public importance proposed by Senator Rhiannon (see entry no. 31) concluded.

34 Documents—Consideration
Documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were considered as follows:

Motion to take note of the documents moved by Senator Bartlett. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
35 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration
Senator Smith, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network, tabled the following documents:


Senator Urquhart moved—that the Senate take note of the documents.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.

Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), tabled the following report:


Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley), tabled the following report:


Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Rice) tabled the following report and documents:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula—Report, dated March 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Senator Rice moved—that the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Lines in continuation.

36 Dividend imputation—Answer to question—Statement by leave
The Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), by leave, made a statement clarifying the answer she gave to a question without notice asked by Senator Watt today relating to dividend imputation.
Senator Cameron, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

37 Committee membership
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.
The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston), by leave, moved—That Senator Carr replace Senator Keneally on the Economics References Committee for the committee’s inquiry into the future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry, and Senator Keneally be appointed as a participating member.

Question put and passed.

38 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Report—Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018

Pursuant to order, Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Reynolds), tabled the following report and documents:


39 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2018 and Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017

Pursuant to order, Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald), tabled the following report and documents:


40 Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan No. 2) Bill 2017

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) was speaking.

41 Adjournment

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.40 pm till Thursday, 22 March 2018 at 9.30 am.

42 Attendance

Present, all senators except Senators Bernardi*, Gallagher*, O’Neill* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

RICHARD PYE
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